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Dear Housing Colleague:

I am pleased to provide you with a nomination form for the Governor's Excellence in Housing Awards. The awards will be presented at the Governor Jon S. Corzine's Conference on Housing and Community Development on September 26, 2006 at the Atlantic City Convention Center in Atlantic City, New Jersey. This year's theme is "One Community-One Future".

The Governor's Excellence in Housing Awards demonstrates the advancement of the State's comprehensive housing policies through the promotion, preservation or creation of affordable housing. The Awards will encompass the following categories: 1) Affordable Housing Development, (2) Green/Sustainable Development, (3) Community Revitalization, and (4) Supportive Housing. Nominations may be made based on the physical design of a housing project, the planning and/or educational efforts of an organization made in conjunction with housing, or other housing related activities which fall within the general categories. Please feel free to submit a nominee in more than one category.

If you have any questions or need assistance in completing the nomination form, please contact Claudia Lovas, Director of Program Development, at 609-278-7445 or clovas@njhmfa.state.nj.us.

All nominations are due by Monday, July 17 2006 and should be returned to:

Claudia Lovas, Director of Program Development
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I look forward to receiving your nominations for the Governor's Excellence in Housing Awards.

Sincerely,

Susan Bass Levin
Commissioner



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NOMINATION FORM

- 1) Please indicate the applicable category (See attached Category Descriptions).

_____ Affordable Housing Development
_____ Green/Sustainable Development
_____ Community Revitalization
_____ Supportive Housing

- 2) General Information about the Nomination.

Name: _____

Location: _____

Municipality: _____

Person Submitting the Nomination: _____

Title: _____

Telephone Number: _____

ON A SEPARATE PIECE OF PAPER (please type or print), describe the reason for the Nomination and how it meets one or more of the criteria in the project category and why it should receive an award in the category selected. Include any major obstacles that had to be overcome, originality and creativity of concept, and overall success in implementation. (No more than two pages.)

If submitting a nomination for Affordable Housing, Green/Sustainable Development or Supportive Housing please include the following:

- < Number of units
- < Total square footage of building
- < Total development cost
- < New construction, substantial rehabilitation, moderate rehabilitation or addition
- < Initially vacant or occupied
- < Rental or home ownership
- < Type of persons and incomes served
- < Services offered on site
- < Sources of funds
- < Architect Name and Address
- < Builder Name and Address

PLEASE SUBMIT NO MORE THAN 10 PHOTOGRAPHS OF THE PROJECT MOUNTED ON 8 1/2" BY 11" PAPER. Photos may include before and after construction, residents of the project and the incorporation of the project into the surrounding community

If submitting a nomination for Community Revitalization, in addition to the information requested above, please include a site plan of the project and/or a map of the project that identifies its location and relationship to the surrounding community.

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DESCRIPTION OF CATEGORIES

I. ONE AWARD WILL BE GIVEN IN EACH OF THE FOLLOWING CATEGORIES:

- A. Affordable Housing** – Address the long-term affordable housing needs of low- and moderate-income households.
- B. Sustainable Development** – Develop housing that will remain affordable over time and enhances human health and the environment.
- C. Community Revitalization** – Utilize housing investments to revitalize communities.
- D. Supportive Housing** – Address the needs of special needs populations.

II. ELIGIBLE NOMINATIONS INCLUDE:

For-profit, non-profit, civic groups, individuals, and government entities

III. NOMINATIONS SHOULD ADDRESS ONE OR MORE OF THE ISSUES OUTLINED UNDER THE APPROPRIATE CATEGORY

A. Affordable Housing

- 1. Produce more permanently affordable units to meet State demand.
- 2. Integrate deeper income targeting.
- 3. Preserve existing deed-restricted housing units.
- 4. Institutionalize appropriate long-term affordability controls.
- 5. Preserve affordable housing units at threat of loss due to market conditions.

B. Green/Sustainable Development

- 1. Direct growth into developed areas with existing public services and alternative transportation and away from environmentally sensitive areas.
- 2. Exhibit resource conservation through building design, materials, and operations.
- 3. Maximize conservation of energy and water.
- 4. Demonstrates healthy and comfortable indoor environment for the building inhabitants.
- 5. Utilizes practices and materials that maximize durability and reduce

C. Community Revitalization

1. Cultivate economically mixed communities.
2. Promote mixed-income developments.
3. Build on community assets to nudge housing markets toward viability.
4. Encourage use of community revitalization plans.
5. Concentrate inter-departmental investments in target locations.
6. Support people-based strategies in highly stressed communities.

D. Supportive Housing

1. Address the housing and service needs of special needs populations.
2. Create financing strategies which result in the leveraging of other funding.
3. Implement best practice model.
4. Demonstrate unique service delivery approaches.
5. Support community integration.